

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1983

By: Hall of the Senate

3 and

4 Kane of the House

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6 An Act relating to foster care; defining term;  
7 requiring the Department of Human Services to provide  
8 certain data to resource family partners; describing  
9 data; providing for codification; and providing an  
10 effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-127 of Title 10A, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section, "resource family partner" means a  
16 private, child-placing agency under contract with the Department of  
17 Human Services to recruit, retain, and support foster homes to meet  
18 the child's needs through service coordination and delivery in  
19 conjunction with the Department.

20 B. For the purpose of aiding resource family partners in  
21 improving outcomes for foster children and parents and identifying  
22 areas of need within the foster care system, the Department of Human  
23 Services shall provide foster care data to resource family partners  
24 as described in this section at regular monthly intervals.

1 C. The foster care data provided to resource family partners  
2 shall be up-to-date, aggregated, and de-identified. The data shall  
3 include, at a minimum:

4 1. The number of children without placement each day, including  
5 demographic and geographic data;

6 2. Demographic and geographic data of foster parents and  
7 children;

8 3. Geographic areas where there is a high need for, but low  
9 availability of, placements;

10 4. Geographic areas experiencing a high number of disruptions  
11 in placement;

12 5. The number of sibling groups that are separated in different  
13 placements;

14 6. The number of foster children that are in placements a long  
15 distance from their home community; and

16 7. Any relevant measures, outcomes, or other evaluation data  
17 related to the foster care system maintained by the Department.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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